

Over his 40-year career in education. Mr. Barnes taught generations of Tampa students about acceptance and understanding, and his efforts are well remembered by them today. As Olga Barnes, his wife of 45 years puts it. "The children fell in love with him, and he fell in love with them." Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Mr. Barnes' former student, considers him a role model and appointed him to the Tampa Sports Authority. Carlye Morgan, a member of my staff in DC, is a graduate of Plant and was a member of the Student Advisory Committee, a student club that Mr. Barnes started to promote race relations and leadership at the school. She remembers his capacity to bring students of all backgrounds together to work on common goals. "He gave me the chance to be a leader at my school and taught me the power of mutual respect and acceptance. And students knew he was the type of teacher they could always come to if they needed help."

Outside of school. Mr. Barnes loved to scour flea markets for jewelry. A pocket watch and antiques collector, neighbors and friends rarely saw him without a healthy dose of his latest finds glittering back at them. As a member of First Baptist Church of College Hill, his collection of African artifacts was always a hit with the congregation during Black History Month.

Madam Speaker. Al Barnes will be greatly missed by me and my community. Tampa is a more loving and accepting place because of his dedication to our children. My thoughts are with Olga, his children Alfred and Zane, and his grandchildren, Luisa, Angelita, Andy, Brian, Kayla, and Kelsey.

HONORING GREENE COUNTY

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday April 29, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Greene County and Greeneville, Tennessee. Both celebrated their 225th anniversary on April 26.

Greene County was originally formed by the North Carolina Legislature on April 26, 1783 and just two years later, it became part of the state of Tennessee during the split of the State of Franklin. Today it still shares the pristine mountains, abundant history, and rich culture that it did 225 years ago.

Greene County has become a thriving tourist destination with its abundant history and the many restorations throughout the county.

Located in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Greene County is one of the largest counties in Tennessee and hosts Greeneville, Tennessee's second oldest town.

Our 17th President, Andrew Johnson, who took the presidency after Abraham Lincoln, also calls Greene County home and is where he was finally laid to rest in 1875.

Celebrated hero, American folklore legend, and former Member of the United States House of Representatives, Davy Crockett was born in Greene County.

Tusculum College, which calls Greene County home, was founded in 1794 and is Tennessee's oldest college. Tusculum also is the oldest educational institution to be affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Greene County's Civil War ties are abundant and the county played a pivotal role in

the Civil War. The county was mostly made up of Unionist sympathizers and the Greeneville Convention of 1861 was Tennessee's largest and most important pro-Union meeting in the weeks prior to the Civil War. Furthermore, after the Confederate loss at the battle of Knoxville in 1863, General James Longstreet intended to stay the winter in Greeneville.

Greene County's historic production of burley tobacco led to prosperity in the late nineteenth century. After years of being one of the region's most important tobacco markets, the University of Tennessee Extension Service has invested in an experimental farm just outside of Greeneville which provides students with unique learning opportunities.

I would like to honor all who have had a hand in shaping the historic past of Greene County and those who will continue to shape Greene County for many years to come. Madam Speaker, as you can see, history, heritage, and culture are major characteristics of the First District, Greene County, and Greeneville. I ask my colleagues to honor and share Greene County and Greeneville's 225th anniversary celebration here today.

CONGRATULATING BRIDGER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bridger High School of Bridger, Montana for their 2008 Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award. With this prestigious award for academic excellence in music, Bridger High School receives a \$5,000 grant to use for improvement in their music department. These funds will also help this school's music department improve the quality of their program to a level that will allow them to compete for Grammy Signature School status in years to come.

The Grammy Signature School program was created by the Grammy Foundation in 1998. Through a stringent application process that begins in September with notifying over 20,000 schools nation-wide each school year, public high schools from a variety of large, small, urban, and rural districts are encouraged to send information regarding each school's music program. After each application is reviewed, finalists are chosen and then required to submit additional documentation including recordings of school concerts and programs. The Grammy screening committee then reviews each finalist to determine the winners. Bridger High School is the first school in Montana history to win the Enterprise Award.

Bridger, Montana is a small agricultural community of approximately 750 residents located in south-central Montana. Bridger High School is part of a K-12 school with 199 students. The music department has one teacher, Mrs. Michel Sticka. Since Mrs. Sticka joined the staff six years ago, the music department has grown from a handful of students to the exceptional program it is today. The fact that Mrs. Sticka has built this music program from the ground up is phenomenal, especially considering the relatively small size of the school. Her music program consists of a high school

choir, band, pep band, and jazz band, as well as a junior high cadet jazz band, 5th grade band and 6th–8th grade music.

All Montanans can be proud of this outstanding contribution to music education. The hard work and dedication of Mrs. Sticka and her students is certainly well-deserving of the 2008 Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award.

I ask that Mrs. Michel Sticka, Bridger High School, and the high school music students be added in my comments today.

Music Teacher: Mrs. Michel Sticka

Superintendent: Mr. John Ballard

Students: Benton Asbury, Katryna Asbury, Samantha Bobby, Jon Bostwick, Devon Cabellero, Jenny Cooke, Jessica Denney, Karissa DeRudder, Sommer Dykstra, Rebekah Edelman, Hayden Forsythe, Hannah Goetz, Jacey Griswold, Elliott McCarthy, Forrest McCarthy, Kimberly McClurg, Heidi Mudd, Wendi Mudd, Taran Murray, Lenore Pierson, Cole Schwend, Edward Stevenson, Andrea Sticka, Bailee Vaughn, Ryan Witt, Kyla Young, Tyler Young, Brittany Zentner.

RECOGNIZING DARKNESS TO LIGHT OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA DURING NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as you know, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about an organization in my home town of Charleston, South Carolina that was started just eight years ago to prevent one of the most horrific aspects of child abuse: child sexual abuse.

Statistics show that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18. Further, 90 percent of child sexual abuse offenders are in an authority position over the children they are abusing, making it difficult for children to speak out or confront the abuse.

Ms. Anne Lee of Charleston founded Darkness to Light™ in 1999 with the core belief that adults should be responsible for the care and protection of children. Darkness to Light seeks to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse by shifting the responsibility from children to adults. Their Stewards of Children™ training program teaches adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It was recently named "Crime Prevention Program of the Year" by the National Crime Prevention Association.

This training program is being utilized by youth-serving organizations, as well as individuals and businesses who want to respond to the epidemic nature of this problem. Darkness to Light also offers Stewards program in a fully interactive, on-line format.

To date, over 120,000 adults in 47 U.S. States and territories—as well as nine foreign countries—have completed the Stewards of Children training. I commend Anne Lee and all of her colleagues for creating this important child protection program, and I encourage you all to visit the Darkness to Light website at